Preference to S.C. and S. T. Landless people while Granting Lands

Q.—109. Sri M. H. JAYAPRAKASH NARAYAN (Sirsi).—

Will the Minister for Revenue and Forests be pleased to be state :—

(*a*) whether there is any rule while granting lands that first preference has to be given to landless Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes persons;

(*b*) if so, whether the conditions are strictly observed ;

(*c*) if not, the action, they have taken against such granting authorities ?

A.—Sri B. RACHAIAH (Minister for Revenue and Forests).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) and (*c*) Do not arise in view of reply to clause (*a*) of the question.

Fire Accident in Sirsi

Q.—110. Sri M. H. JAYAPRAKASH NARAYAN (Sirsi).—

Will the Minister for Revenue and Forests be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that one of the timber depot (factory) at Sirsi collapsed due to fire accident ;

(*b*) the reason for its collapse ;

(*c*) the estimated loss to men and materials;

(*d*) the immediate relief Government has extended to the Sufferer ?

A.—Sri B. RACHAIAH (Minister for Revenue and Forests).—

(*a*) Yes.

The Saw Mill of Shri Abdul Wahab Sunthi was completely burnt by fire on 4-4-1967.

(*b*) The reason is not known. The sufferer suspects mischief. The police have registered a case and further action is being taken according to law.

(*c*) There was no loss of human life. The estimated loss sustained by the sufferer is reported to be Rs. 6 lakhs.

(*d*) No relief has been granted to the sufferer by the Government. Government wil consider his request for relief if he applies as per rules.